



# Bacon Bacon

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## A Note from the Music Room

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful first semester we had of musical performances! The 1st and 2nd graders performed their musical, "*Lemonade*" at the end of October and sang with so much spirit! In December, our 3rd and 4th grade students performed their musical, "*Shapin' Up Santa*" which was just awesome! Our Bacon Choir also performed "*A Holiday to Remember*" in December at the Fort Collins Foothills Mall, the Fort Collins Senior Center, before the 3rd and 4th grade musical, and at the Bacon "*All School Sing-A-Long*." In addition, our two Autism classes performed "*The Snowman*," "*Jingle Bells*," and "*Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*" for their parents at their December show and played xylophones, jingle bells, tambourines, woodblocks, and maracas. What a wonderful semester of music making!

This semester will also be filled with performances, but will be primarily focused on the 5th and 6th graders. Our musical is called, "*The Knight the Castle Rocked*." Students began auditioning for parts on January 18th and began rehearsals the following week. Scripts, costuming information, and volunteer information was sent home the week of January 24th. There will be a dress rehearsal on Monday, March 7th, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Gym for all 5th and 6th grade students. Please put this date on your calendars now!

Students will perform their show for the school on Tuesday, March 8th at 2:30 p.m. in the Gym. The Parents' Performance will be Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym. In addition, if time permits, our Bacon Choir will

perform before each of these performances. More information about this will be sent home as these dates and times are confirmed.

Our 4th grade students began learning to play the recorder the week of January 11th. If students would like to purchase their own recorder, please send a \$5.00 check made out to Bacon Elementary School and have your child submit that to me.

Finally, we are going to have our first *Bacon Elementary School Talent Show* this year! After many requests from both parents and students, we have decided to have this show. However, I will need parent volunteers to help audition students and help organize this event. There will be two performance dates for these students to perform. The school performance is Tuesday, May 3rd, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. The students will also perform before the PTA *All School Picnic* this spring. The date and time are to be announced. We need to audition and choose our performers the week of April 4th. The reason we are auditioning so early is because some of the groups will be chosen to perform for the VIPS Luncheon on April 28th. I'll need to work with these groups beforehand.

If you would like to help me this semester with costuming, scenery, judging, or in any other capacity, I would be so deeply thankful!!!! Please call me at 494-5345 if you can be one of my music volunteers. We can't do these shows without you all!

Warmly,

Dr. Allison Pietras, Bacon Music

# PTA News & Notes

## PTA Officer Nominations for 2005-2006 School Year

By Karen Long

Consider contributing to Bacon Elementary with your talents and time! Even though we're only halfway through the school year, we need to start thinking about our PTA Board for next year. Enclosed with this newsletter is a PTA Officer Nomination form. We'd appreciate it if you take the time to nominate yourself and/or other qualified individuals for these important positions. (Please check with the individual before nominating him or her as this is a requirement in our bylaws.) Elections for the 2005-2006 school year will occur in March. If your nominee is not a PTA member, joining is a simple process. Call Kim Johnson (226-5052, email: [djandkj@friu.com](mailto:djandkj@friu.com)) for details. Please help our school and your kids through your involvement in Bacon PTA.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION

Each officer must be a member of the PTA. Each term is 1 year. Each officer may serve no more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office unless the office cannot be filled.

### EXPECTATIONS OF ALL OFFICERS

All officers are expected to:

1. Have commitment to children and youth, the purposes of PTA, and to the Colorado PTA.
2. Attend Executive Committee meetings (once a month).
3. Attend Bacon PTA meetings once a month.
4. Attend any special meetings of the Executive Committee or Bacon PTA.

### BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR INDIVIDUAL OFFICES

<b>President</b>	Preside at all meetings of this local PTA; coordinate the work of the officers and committees.
<b>Vice President</b>	Act as aide to the President. Perform the duties of the President in the President's absence.
<b>Secretary</b>	Record the minutes of all meetings of the Bacon Elementary School PTA, board of directors and executive committee; file all records; maintain a membership list; perform all duties as prescribed by the bylaws, board of directors, or the executive committee.
<b>Treasurer</b>	Have custody of the funds of the Bacon PTA; make disbursements as authorized; keep a full and accurate accounting of receipts and disbursements; provide financial reports at each meeting; submit the books for an annual audit.

### PTA COMMITTEES

#### Enrichment Programs

Enrichment Coordinator  
American Girls Doll Club  
Artist in Residence  
Chess Club  
Great Books  
Grandparents Day  
Math Club  
Math Olympiad  
Odyssey of the Mind  
Photography Club  
Reflections  
Robotics  
Science Fair

#### Other Programs and Activities

Advertising (Newsletter/Directory)  
Book Fairs  
Boundary Representative  
Community Events/Hospitality  
Directory  
District Advisory Board  
Field Days  
Fundraising  
Historian/Photographer  
Membership  
Newsletter/Calendar  
Staff Appreciation  
T-Shirts/Merchandise



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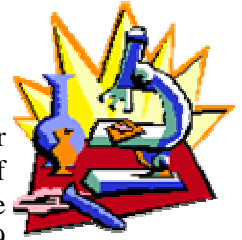
## From the Office

**School of Choice:** Every year around this time there is a lot of confusion over school of choice and whether or not Bacon is open to school of choice. The short answer is this: students currently attending Bacon as school of choice can stay as school of choice and do not have to fill out new paperwork, as we still have the original form. For new students, Bacon is currently closed to School of Choice. However, this status may change based on projected numbers from the district. As a result, we are happy to hold the School of Choice form for new students. In the event our status changes, we will give the applicant a call. Again, we do not anticipate being open to School of Choice for the 2005-2006 school year.

**ATTENTION PARENTS!** We have had many students coming to school early. Please note that the earliest students can be on site is 8:45 at which time they are to go to the playground. Students who do have appointments with their teachers need to check in the office upon arrival. Thank you.

## Science Fair News

By Diane Odbert



Bacon students experienced their first Bacon Science Fair Kickoff Assembly with Kitty and Bruce Spangler of Future Quest (Channel 9 News' Steve Spangler's parents) on Thursday, January 13.

We saw red liquid turn yellow. We saw yellow liquid turn red. We learned about how water reacts with a polymer. We found out about how polymers can be found in diapers. We saw how static electricity can give Barbie a really bad hair day. Using an optical illusion, we saw Mr. Spangler's head get bigger. And the grand finale, we saw paper explode when it was spun at 741 miles per hour! The Spangler's gave us the most exciting and interesting science fair kick-off!

The Spanglers encouraged the children to visit the media center to find books on science to help them come up with their own science fair ideas. As of Friday morning, the demand for science books has been huge!

On Friday, January 14, you should have seen the Bacon Science Fair application and guidelines come home in Friday folders. The Science Fair will be held on April 4 to April 7. The Science Fair is open to students in all grades K-6. It is not mandatory.

Teachers have volunteered to mentor students who might have questions. Otherwise, all Science Fair project work is expected to be done at home. The mentors will meet with their participants at least twice before the Science Fair to check on progress. Mentors are:

- K-2: Mr. Keahey
- 3: Mrs. Poduska
- 4: Mr. Kind
- 5-6: Mrs. Odbert

Parents, we need your help. We are hoping to have many students participate in this voluntary Science Fair. The week of the Science Fair (4/4 to 4/7) we will need volunteers to help set up tables, check-in displays, put displays in the correct area, enter data in our Science Fair database, and feed the judges.

We are also asking for judges who are not parents of Bacon students. If you have a friend, colleague or neighbor who might be interested, please let Sereene know. If you can help, please contact Sereene Ranganathan, our Science Fair volunteer coordinator, at [srangana@lsil.com](mailto:srangana@lsil.com) or 227-3794.

If you need help finding ideas for science fairs try:

[www.stevespanglerscience.com](http://www.stevespanglerscience.com)

[www.spanglerscience.com](http://www.spanglerscience.com)

<http://school.discovery.com/sciencefaircentral>.

We look forward to an enriching Bacon Science Fair.

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